

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-68 are currently pending. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-68 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants retain the right to prosecute these claims in this or another application. New claims 69-88 are introduced and are thus the only pending claims following entry of this amendment.

The amended and new claims are supported throughout the specification, including, for example, the following sections:

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| Claims 69 and 73-74 | original claim 37; page 2, line 6; page 13, line 26 to page 14, line 4; page 30, lines 16-22; page 30, lines 16-22; page 55, lines 13-16; page 59, lines 11-14, 20 and 29; page 61, lines 16-19; page 63, lines 14-16; page 65, lines 12-19; and page 68, line 1 to page 70, line 12 |
| Claims 70 and 71 | original claims 47 and 48; page 11, lines 2-6; page 41, line 30 to page 42, line 19; and page 48, lines 8-32 |
| Claim 72 | original claim 42; and page 33, lines 13-23 |
| Claims 75 | page 42, lines 25-28 |
| Claims 76-78 | page 42, line 30 |
| Claims 79-81 | page 48, lines 20-24 |
| Claims 82-87 | page 48, lines 25-28; and page 49, lines 1-28 |
| Claim 88 | page 43, lines 10-16 |

II. Amendments to the Specification

The title has been amended to reflect more closely the subject matter of the currently claimed invention.

III. Response to Restriction Requirement and Species Election Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on January 8, 2004, Applicants elect without traverse to prosecute the claims in Group II, which are directed to compositions containing at least one antigen presenting cell chemotaxin (e.g., a chemokine) and at least one antigen. The new claims that are submitted with this response all fall within this elected group.

The Office further requires two species elections if, as here, Group II is elected. The required species elections and Applicant's election follow:

First and second chemokines: Applicants elect mC10 and vMCK-2.
Claims 69-89 read on these elected species.

Antigen: Applicants elect a tumor antigen.
Claims 69-75 and 79-88 read on this elected species.

Thus, claims 69-75 and 79-88 read on the collective species elections.

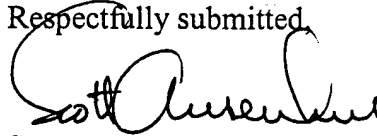
In making this species election, it is Applicants' understanding that the Office will follow the procedure set forth in MPEP §809.02(c), which provides for a complete action on the merits of all claims readable on the elected species, and in MPEP §803.02, whereby upon the finding of allowable species, examination will continue with the non-elected species until all species have been examined or a non-allowable species is found.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,

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